

# Honor Roll

With the school season upon us, you may be considering a new place to enroll your talented little one that will cultivate her knowledge even more, so check out our list of some of the highest-performing private and charter schools in the country.

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**TRINITY SCHOOL** New York, NY  
(grades K–12)  
trinityschoolnyc.org

A college preparatory, coeducational, independent day school. The faculty members have more than 20 doctorates and 96 master's degrees from colleges and universities around the world. Celebrates its 300th anniversary this year.

**HORACE MANN SCHOOL** New York, NY  
(grades K–12)  
horacemann.org

One of the largest independent day schools in the U.S. Students, in various grades, study an array of subjects and topics. For example, kindergarten children are introduced to the logic and strategy of chess, while ninth graders perform Shakespeare in the original and modernized forms.

**TREY WHITFIELD SCHOOL** Brooklyn, NY  
(grades preschool–7)  
treywhitfieldschool.org

Its mission is to equip its students for life by providing an affordable, high-quality education that also nurtures the development of faith and character. In seventh grade, for instance, students study algebra, which is a full year to three years earlier than public school students.

**PHILLIPS ACADEMY ANDOVER** Andover, Mass.  
(grades 9–12)  
andover.edu

Has a roster of 300 courses, more than 150 electives, opportunities for pursuing independent study and study abroad projects are aplenty. About 40 percent of the student body is black. The teacher–student ratio is five to one. Over the past four years, students have matriculated to various institutions, including Harvard and Yale.

**ANCONA SCHOOL** Chicago, Ill.  
(grades preschool–8)  
anconaschool.org

Educates students to become creative problem solvers, confident risk takers and independent life-long learners. Rooted in the Montessori tradition, this child-centered school builds a strong academic foundation. In 2006, *Chicago Magazine* named Ancona one of the 25 best private elementary schools in the Chicago metropolitan area.

**THE WINSOR SCHOOL** Boston, Mass.  
(grades 5–12)  
winsor.edu

Is an independent day school for academically promising and motivated girls. The school enrolls approximately 430 students from diverse cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds and maintains an average class size of 13 students.

**NOBLE AND GREENOUGH SCHOOL**  
Dedham, Mass.  
(grades 7–12)  
nobles.edu

Nearly 200 students, which is 36 percent of the student body, partake in educational travel opportunities during the course of a typical school year, including Greece, South Africa and Israel.

**HOPKINS SCHOOL** New Haven, Conn.  
(grades 7–12)  
hopkins.edu

Is a traditional, independent, coeducational day school. The meaning of diversity has changed throughout the course of Hopkins' history and guides the school in its need for an ever more talented and diverse community of learners. Is the third oldest independent school in the country.

**EDMUND BURKE SCHOOL** Washington, D.C.  
(grades 6–12)  
eburke.org

This is a small, urban and diverse school for 300 students. Offers a challenging and engaging academic program and exceptional arts programs, integrates service learning into all classrooms and supports and advances students' growth as skilled and independent thinkers.

**SOUTHWEST ATLANTA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** Atlanta, Ga.  
(grades preschool–12)  
sacanet.com

With Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard as an alumnus, it has gained national recognition. Not to mention, it also happens to have been designated as the first African-American school to operate in a totally digital learning environment, so traditional textbooks are no longer used. There are two technology tools from the Apple MacBook/iPod Program for each student to use to learn. ➤

## Outside the Box

New York City's newest private school, Avenues: The World School, for preschool through ninth-grade children, promises to produce students better prepared for the world.

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According to Avenues' founder, Chris Whittle, students will not only graduate at the top of their class, but they will also be masters of their own passions, such as ballet, while exemplifying fluency in a foreign language and culture. As a result, he believes they'll truly compete with their global counterparts. "Schools need to do a better job preparing children for international lives," Whittle has said.

When the school opens next fall, for about \$40,000 in tuition, the curriculum includes bilingual classroom instruction with Mandarin or Spanish. For more details, visit [avenues.org](http://avenues.org).

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As part of our Top 20 private and charter schools, we've listed more choices here.

**DEERFIELD ACADEMY**  
(grades 9–12)  
Deerfield, Mass.  
deerfield.edu

**NEW HOPE ACADEMY**  
(grades K–6)  
Franklin, Tenn.  
nhafranklin.org

**EDDIE WHITE ACADEMY** (grades K–8)  
Hampton, Ga.  
clayton2.white.schooldesk.net

**THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL** (grades 9–12)  
Oakland, Calif.  
college-prep.org

CHARTER SCHOOLS

**URBAN PREP ACADEMY**  
(grades 9–12)  
Chicago, Ill.  
urbanprep.org

**HIGH HORIZONS MAGNET SCHOOL**  
(grades K–8)  
Bridgeport, Conn.  
bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com

**E.L. HAYNES PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**  
(grades K–12)  
Washington, D.C.  
elhaynes.org

**PAXON SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**  
(grades 9–12)  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
duvalschools.org/psas

**TALENTED AND GIFTED**  
(grades 9–12)  
Dallas, Texas  
teacherweb.com/tx/tagmagnet/main

\*Information for all of these schools was compiled from the schools' websites.